

**PBA
SAFETY
GLANCE**



**Safety Element for
fiscal year 2017:
Lost Day Case:
0.38
Award Goal: 0.61**

*** Lost time injuries for
fiscal year 2017 is two.
There is one lost time
injuries as of May 30.**

***Recordable injuries
for fiscal year 2017 are
10. There is one
recordable injuries as
of May 30.**

***Pine Bluff Arsenal
days without a lost
time injury are 26.**

***Pine Bluff Arsenal
days without a record-
able injury are 26.**

***Estimated hours
worked without a lost
time injury: 110,754.**

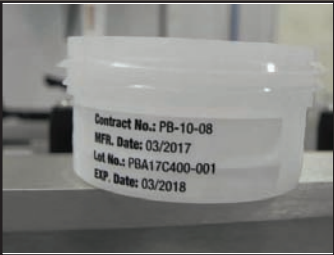
IN BRIEF

The Pine Bluff Military and Veterans Museum, located at 4th and Oak in the historic Boone-Murphy House in Pine Bluff, is seeking donations or loans of memorabilia highlighting the military heritage of Jefferson County, with special emphasis on Pine Bluff Arsenal.

The museum is looking particularly for memorabilia relating to the Pine Bluff Arsenal. Cash donations will also be accepted.

For information on donations or loans of memorabilia or donations call Jim Bacon at 870-543-9102; Ben Cumnock at 870-550-2359; Carolyn Devos at 870-879-5321; or Patsy Milligan at 870-534-1608. Cash donations can be mailed to P.O. Box 2113, Pine Bluff, Ark., 71613.

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PBA CYSS gets top marks during inspection

By Rachel Selby

Pine Bluff Arsenal Child, Youth and School Services completed an unannounced inspection conducted by U.S. Army Installation Management Command.

The program received top marks for the inspection, which was held May 8-10. This is one of four annual inspections that are done to obtain Department of Defense certification to operate.

"We received a higher score than last year receiving an overarching score of 100. I think the reason for the high score is the organization's continued commitment to excellence," said Missy Brodnax, director of Fam-

ily Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

Brodnax said a lot of the findings were duplicate findings from different program areas. "Most findings were tied to annual training that we knew had lapsed by two weeks because we chose to consolidate all of the program training," she said. "Other findings were corrected on the spot and/or will be corrected within 30 days."

Debbie Johnson, CYSS Coordinator, said CYSS shut down for an entire day to do training recently.

"This was the first all-day training we have done. We hit all the areas we needed to with excel-

lent on-post support," she said. "This was a wonderful thing we were able to do."

Johnson said this annual inspection looks at everything. "This inspection covers CYSS, Child Development Center, School Age programs and Youth programs," she said. "The inspector looked at everything - employee files for training, background checks, etc., and even visited the classrooms watching the teachers. There was also a facility inspection."

The inspector for Army Higher Headquarters Inspection or AHHI even looks at parent surveys, said Johnson. "The inspection took three days,"

she said. "He was very in depth. We gave him binder after binder full of information for him to review. He went through everything."

Since training was one of the findings, each director - CDC, School Age and Youth - will have training as one of their duties.

"We are changing things up. This is something we had to do and now they will be cross-trained and dual hatted," said Brodnax.

There were no surprises with any of the inspection, said Johnson. "We have no exceptions and no repeat findings - which was a big deal," she said.

Textile visit



Dr. Barbara Avellini, director of U.S. Navy Clothing and Textile Research Facility and Caitlin Buchana, project engineer with Pine Bluff Arsenal's Directorate of Engineering and Technology, watch as a textile worker produces a neck dam during a tour. Avellini visited the Arsenal in May. More photos from the visit located on Page 7. U.S. ARMY PHOTOS BY RACHEL SELBY



Pine Bluff Arsenal's Deputy to the Commander Roch Byrne shows Dr. Barbara Avellini, director of the U.S. Navy Clothing and Textile Research Facility, some of the ammunition products made at the Arsenal during her visit May 23. Nancy Southwick and Carlos Custodio, also with the research facility, and John Burkhead, director of the Arsenal's Directorate of Chemical and Biological Defense, are also pictured.

**New
CSM
joins
JMC**

By Tony Lopez
JMC Public Affairs

ROCK ISLAND ARSENAL, Ill. -- Command Sgt. Maj. Tomeka O'Neal was officially welcomed to the Joint Munitions Command during a Change of Responsibility Ceremony held May 12.

O'Neal assumed her duties as the senior enlisted advisor by receiving the command's colors from Brig. Gen. Richard B. Dix, Joint Munitions and Lethality Life Cycle Management Command and JMC commanding general.

The JMC colors are always in the care of the Command Sergeant Major and as JMC's senior enlisted advisor, O'Neal will serve as the commander's 'right arm' and assist Brig. Gen. Dix in supporting the ammunition mission.

"The Change of Responsibility Ceremony is a tradition in military organizations," said Dix. "As we say goodbye to one legend, we welcome another, Command Sgt. Maj. O'Neal, who's getting ready to write her own history. Ladies and gentlemen, you are looking at the first female Command Sergeant Major of the Joint Munitions Command. I look forward to your leadership and guidance."

Many JMC staff members, Rock Island Arsenal senior leaders and Quad City area community leaders attended to greet O'Neal and her daughter, Chanel.

In addition, he thanked Command Sgt. Maj. Walton Jones, who served as JMC's senior enlisted advisor for the

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Right Today

Accomplishing the mission "right today" simply means complying with regulations, policies, plans, work instructions, SOPs, and other requirements. We will not compromise the quality of products that will be used by our Warfighters and when we make these products, we will minimize impact on the environment and we will ensure no one gets hurt in the process.

Better Tomorrow

"Better tomorrow" means that every day, we will make improvements. Every time we start a manufacturing or administrative process, it should be more efficient and more environmentally friendly than it was before. Every day should be safer than the last one.

Commander’s Column

It has been a busy spring here at Pine Bluff Arsenal with visits from Army leaders, Congressional delegations, and new customers. The Arsenal is working to improve readiness for the Warfighter.

Our ammunition and chem bio production lines continue to produce world-class quality products while improving supply chain readiness. Our critical manufacturing capabilities help fulfill specific Warfighter mission requirements. The key component to the Arsenal continuing to be a robust part of the Organic Industrial Base is working together as a team and being a flexible workforce.

The Arsenal’s future depends on us strengthening our customer base, continuing to deliver quality products and providing readiness to the Warfighter. That is why the Arsenal is here.



Col. Kelso C. Horne III

The Arsenal workforce continues to perform well in safety. I sincerely applaud your efforts in remaining vigilant on the shop floors and office areas. You know what needs to be done and continue to watch out for each other and unsafe practices – and by correcting them we remain at the top of our crafts.

College, high school and other graduations have all been completed, and summer is finally here. With it comes hotter temperatures, so we must all

plan accordingly, not only here at work with safety plans but also at home. We need to stay hydrated and be mindful of heat-related injuries on and off the job.

A great way to stay cool this summer is by taking a dip in the Arsenal’s swimming pool. Post swimming pool passes are on sale and the pool officially opened Memorial Day weekend. For information about passes and pool hours, contact Recreation Services at 540-3778.

A big kudos goes out to our Child, Youth and School Services for completing a recent Army Higher Headquarters Inspection in May. This is one of four unannounced annual inspections to obtain DoD Certification to operate. The AHHI is conducted by U.S. Army Installation Management Command (IMCOM) Army Family and Morale, Welfare

and Recreation, division G9. The Child and Youth Services program received an overarching score of 100 percent. The Child Development Center program scored 95.56 percent. The School Age Program scored 97.78 percent and the Youth program scored 100 percent. Most findings were corrected on the spot or during the annual training completed during a May training day.

The U.S. Army will celebrate its 242nd birthday June 14. On that day, we will celebrate the total Army Force which is comprised of Soldiers and Civilians, and their contributions to national defense. On that day we will celebrate the legacy in the trust and confidence that Americans have placed in us for the past 242 years.

Our nation will also celebrate its Independence Day July 4. On this day, our founding

fathers laid America’s foundation with words, ideas and principles. It is a day we get to show how much we love our country as well as our pride in being Americans. As we celebrate the day, let us be proud of what the day means to us. However you decide to celebrate the day, whether it be with family and friends at the lake, at a local fireworks show, wearing red, white and blue or just grilling up good

food for a party, please celebrate it safely.

I want to say thank you to our entire workforce for the support they give to the Arsenal, our Nation, and our service members every day. Enjoy what you do; make a difference, and most of all, thank you for being part of the PBA team.

*“Mission First.
People Always.
Enjoy What We Do.”*

Social Security

Accessing Social Security resources while traveling

By Tonya Cater
Social Security Public Affairs

Social Security is here for you when you’re traveling, whether it’s just a state away or when you’re abroad.

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Pine Bluff Arsenal

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- *Stress management
- *Anger management

EAP can help you:

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- *Resolve issues
- *Improve your quality of life

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Army Civilian Corps Creed

- I am an Army Civilian – a member of the Army Team
- I am dedicated to our Army, our Soldiers and Civilians
- I will always support the mission
- I provide stability and continuity during war and peace
- I support and defend the Constitution of the United States and consider it an honor to serve our Nation and our Army
- I live the Army values of Loyalty, Duty, Respect, Selfless Service, Honor, Integrity, and Personal Courage
- I am an Army Civilian

Online Conduct

Think. Type. Post

"Army Professionals, by our solemn oath, voluntarily incur an extraordinary moral obligation to uphold the Army Values, which apply to all aspects of our life. Although our lives are changed by the Internet and social media in general, the standards of our conduct have not.

Online misconduct is misconduct -wherever, whenever, and however it occurs. Whether in the form of online harassment, assault, bullying, hazing, stalking, discrimination, retaliation, improper relationships, or any other type of misconduct, we hold ourselves and others accountable.

Trustworthy Army Professionals do not

tolerate double standards; anything that is unacceptable to say or do in person is also unacceptable to write or post online.

When using electronic communication, members of the Army Team should apply "Think, Type, Post"

- "Think" about what messages/information is being communicated and who could potentially view it; "Type" messages or convey information that is consistent with the Army Values; and "Post" if the message/information is responsible and demonstrates dignity and respect for others.

Remember whenever on online -Think, Type, Post."

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AR 360-1 is the regulation that governs the release of public information. This includes what to release and how to release it to the public, non-releasable subjects, and items that need to be cleared through public affairs channels prior to release. The Public Affairs Program is the overall responsibility of the Arsenal commander.

Only the commanders and their designated representatives are authorized to speak for the Pine Bluff Arsenal. The PAO acts as the liaison between the media and the installation. However, employees are encouraged to speak to civilian professional groups on matters in which the individual has personal knowledge and expertise.

This needs to be coordinated through the Public Affairs Office. They shouldn’t comment on military matters that are beyond their knowledge and experience. Obviously, classified information won’t be discussed at all.

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Hails and Farewells

New Hires

Julee Johnson, Industrial Worker, has joined the Directorate of Chemical and Biological Operations.

Anita Williams, Supply Technician, has joined the Directorate of Material Management.

Nicholas McNeese, Industrial Worker, has joined the Directorate of Chemical and Biological Operations.

John Patchan, Quality Assurance Specialist, has joined the Directorate of Chemical and Biological Operations.

Keturah N. Payton, Supply Technician, has joined the Directorate of Material Management

Dewayne Moore, Sr., Chemical Equipment Repairer, has joined the Directorate of Chemical and Biological Operations.

Shannon Perry, Chemical Equipment Repairer, has joined the Directorate of Chemical and Biological Operations.

Alice Morris, Industrial Worker, has joined the Directorate of Chemical and Biological Operations.

Edmund Nickolson, Industrial Worker, has joined the Directorate of Chemical and Biological Operations.

Transfer

Rodney Haygood, has transferred from the Directorate of Material Management to Camp Robinson in North Little Rock, Ark.

Separation

James R Siegried, has separated from CARA RRW via PCS.



MWR announces winners for pull up, push up challenges

Winners for Pine Bluff Arsenal's Family Morale, Welfare and Recreation Pull Up Challenge are:

- 1st place – Bradley Persons with 19
- 2nd place – Justin Gross with 18
- 3rd place- Jeremiah Rich with 15

Winners for the one-minute Push Up Challenge are:

- Women**
- 1st place – Sonia Green with 51
 - 2nd place – Kathy Berry with 48
 - 3rd place – Lisa Davis with 38

- Men**
- 1st place – Michael Harrington with 91
 - 2nd place – Arthur Okwesili with 84
 - 3rd place – Terry Hardin with 71

Congratulations to all the winners! Prize packs can be picked up at the Arsenal's Fitness Center.

Pine Bluff Arsenal
Swimming Pool Complex

Swim Season 2017
Open Memorial Day, 29 May 2017 – Labor Day, 4 September 2017
Monday – Saturday 1230-1830
Closed Sundays

Fees:
Active Duty Military - No Charge
Active Duty Family Member:
Single: \$80 Family: \$100
Retired Military
Single: \$90 Family: \$110
Dept of Defense Employees/Retirees
Single: \$110 Family: \$120
Federal Employees (Non-DoD)
Single: \$130 Family: \$150
Community Civilians / Contractors
Single: \$260 Family: \$310
Guest Fees: \$5 per person
Babysitter Pass: \$75
Can only be used while accompanying children with a current pool membership.
*Prices are subject to change.
Family members are defined as individuals who reside with and are supported solely by the sponsor.
Daycares must be scheduled in advance! Contact Aquatics Coordinator at 540-3621!
Pool Passes are non refundable!!
Please call 540-3778 or 540-3621 for more information!

CPAC Corner

ABC announces new website feature

Courtesy of Pine Bluff Arsenal Civilian Personnel

The Army Benefits Center-Civilian (ABC-C) is proud to announce a new feature on the ABC-C website.

Until now, employees had to call the toll-free number to check on the status of actions such as retirement estimates, civilian and military deposits and retirement application processing.

The Employee Benefits Automated Tracking System (EBATS) tool allows employees the opportunity to securely view the status of their action(s) within the ABC-C.

To access EBATS, employees can simply visit the ABC-C website at <https://www.abc.army.mil> and click on the EBATS link/icon located on the right-hand side of the webpage (directly below the Employee Benefits Information System (EBIS) log-in section). Employees will need to log on using their Common Access Card (CAC) from a .mil network computer and click "I Agree" on the Department of Defense Notice and Consent Banner.

Once logged on, a page showing the employee's personal information including their name, address, and current personnel

and benefits information will be displayed. Below the employee information, employees will be able to view whether they have a message stating they do not have any open or closed actions with the ABC-C.

Employees will still need to log into the EBIS to view projected benefits elections and to print election forms.

This new feature is an enhancement for the ABC-C serviced employees, eliminating the need to call in to check on the status of an action and allowing further access to their personal benefits information. It is as easy as A-B-C.

PEO Ammo receives logistics award

Picatinny Arsenal Public Affairs

The Department of Defense's top civilian for materiel readiness presented a Picatinny Arsenal organization with the 2016 Secretary of Defense Performance Based Logistics System Level Award April 26.

The Secretary of Defense PBL Awards recognize government/industry teams that have demonstrated outstanding achievements in providing Warfighters with exceptional operational capability. The award recognized the Joint Project Manager Towed Artillery Systems, part of the Program Executive Office Ammunition at Picatinny Arsenal, for their creation of a competitive procurement contract that improved M777A2 Towed Howitzer readiness and amounted to more

than \$1.6 million in program cost savings.

PM TAS is joint Army and Marine Corps organization that manages the U.S. Army and Marine Corps' M777 howitzer program. The M777 is a lightweight 155 mm howitzer that provides suppressive and protective fires for infantry brigade combat teams. Due to innovative use of titanium and aluminum alloys, the M777 is the world's first 155mm Howitzer weighing 10,000 pounds.

M777A2 Performance Based Life Cycle Sustainment is a hybrid organic/contractor sustainment strategy through which the Army, Marine Corps, as well as BAE Systems as the Product Support Integrator, all provide support to ensure that the M777A2 is sustained throughout its life cycle.



Health Screenings

The University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences MammoVan visited Pine Bluff Arsenal during May. Employees were given the opportunity for mammogram screenings during the visit. U.S. ARMY PHOTO BY HUGH MORGAN



Be mindful of what you put online in social media. THINK OPSEC

Pine Bluff Arsenal
Recreation Services

Swimming Lesson Registration Form

Participant's Name: _____ Age: _____

- Please check the sessions that apply to you.
- Sessions are Monday – Thursdays for 2 weeks.
- Sessions are first come, first serve.

DATES	TIMES	Check which one you choose
June 5 – June 15	11:30 – 12:00	\$80 _____
	12:00 – 12:30	\$80 _____
June 19- June 29	11:30 – 12:00	\$80 _____
	12:00 – 12:30	\$80 _____
July 10 – July 20	11:30 – 12:00	\$80 _____
	12:00 – 12:30	\$80 _____
July 24 – August 3	11:30 – 12:00	\$80 _____
	12:00 – 12:30	\$80 _____

Contact Information
Parent / Guardian Name: _____
Address: _____
Email Address: _____
Contact Number: _____
Alternate Number: _____

Transportation:
All persons age 16 and up who wish to gain access to the Pine Bluff Arsenal must complete a Pine Bluff Arsenal Background Verification Check. This can either be done at the Pass and ID office, or at Dexter Gate after business hours. Once cleared, drivers may purchase a Sportsman's Pass at the Fitness Center for \$2. This will be your Arsenal access pass. This process is the easiest way to gain access to the Arsenal.

SWIMMING LESSONS ARE NON REFUNDABLE!!

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June 5 – 15	5:30 – 6:00	ADULT ONLY \$80 _____
July 10 – 20	5:30 – 6:00	ADULT ONLY \$80 _____

Contact Information
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***Your class times are subject to change due to class size.**

SWIMMING LESSONS ARE NON REFUNDABLE!!

Payments accepted by cash, check or credit card.

You may mail completed registration along with payment to:
**Pine Bluff Arsenal
Recreation Services
16-310 Fleming Drive
Pine Bluff, AR 71602**
For more information please call:
Aquatics Director: 870-540-3621
Fitness Center: 870-540-3778

FOCUS ON MISSION

Bio consumables sees success with Type IV production

By Rachel Selby

Pine Bluff Arsenal's Directorate of Engineering and Technology, Engineering Development Division began the process of exploring bio consumables production in 2010. Since that time there have been challenges and successes, said Dr. Raef Tadros, who has spearheaded the project since inception.

A bio consumable is the liquid media used to identify and detect suspect biological agents. It is the media used for testing and then discarded. The Arsenal's role is in the manufacture and fill of the liquid media to identify and detect suspect biological agents. A biological agent (also called a bio agent, or biological threat agent) is a bacterium, virus, or fungus, which may cause infection, allergy, and toxicity, or otherwise create a hazard to human health.

"We have seen many challenges with Type I and Type IV. Our initial goal was setting up a production facility. We have been restricted by technical issues, however, we made a lot of changes," said Tadros. "The design changed, material changed, sterilization Gamma dose changed, plus others. In December, we were headed to a complete stop with the project with no production coming."

At that time, Tadros said that he recommended a change with the formula for the Type IV bio consumable. "This way we could achieve our goal of production," he said. "We had additional requirements that exceed 500 percent for many of the tests above the regular requirements that had to be fulfilled. However, we achieved all of them with 100 percent success. No failure was accepted. We proved that the new way/new formula was successful."

First Article testing of Type IV bio consumable (with changes) was completed and passed in February

2017, according to E&T reports. "Two large lots of Type IV have been produced and passed Lot Acceptance requirements," said Tadros. "There have been back orders in place for years. We already filled 65 percent of the back orders. Even though the consumption rate for the bio consumable is not that high, this is a critical product."

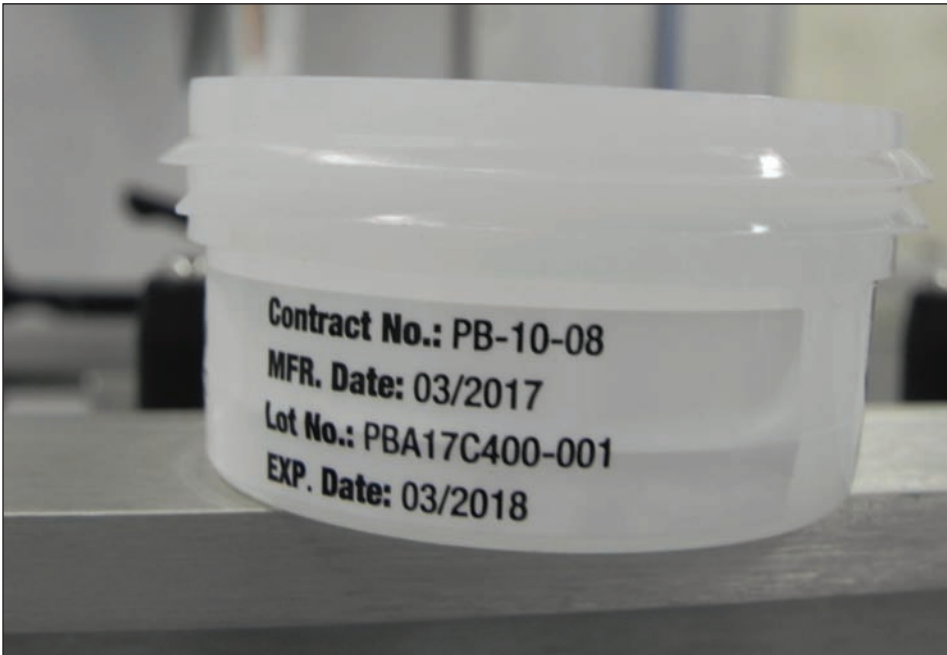
Bio consumables can be used by the military and emergency personnel in the event of a biological threat, according to an Arsenal Sentinel article from 2011. In 2002, the Arsenal established a storage facility, approximately 50,000 cubic feet, to store bio detectors. The bio consumable and the detectors are used together to detect agents.

The bio consumables production area is housed in Bldg. 53-990, with the filling portion located in a clean room. Approximately 8 to 10 operators with the Directorate of Chemical and Biological Defense Operations work in the room. They are all required to wear protective clothing, including head, body, feet and face coverings, as well as safety glasses. The facility is similar to that of a medical environment.

Tadros said the biggest successes with the Type IV bio consumables is the Arsenal is the first to have a FAT conducted on it.

"This is a success because the product has been anticipated for a long period of time. No other private sector company was able to succeed with it," he said. "The product was done by a contractor previously. We became the sole source for the bio consumables."

Showing that we have this capability can bring more work for Pine Bluff, said Tadros. "There is a lot of potential and demand in this area," he said. "We are looking for work for the future."



Type IV bio consumable. U.S. ARMY PHOTO



Dr. Raef Tadros with Pine Bluff Arsenal's Directorate of Engineering and Technology, Anthony Dockett, Chris Malone, both with the Directorate of Chemical and Biological Defense Operations, and Daniel Crawford with TACOM, pose for a photo recently in the bio consumables clean room. U.S. ARMY PHOTO



Participants in last year's fishing event show off their catches. Holston will host their 10th annual fishing event June 24, June 25 and July 1-2. U.S. ARMY PHOTOS BY HSAAP

Holston plans 10th annual fishing event

By Kathy O. Cole
HSAAP Public Affairs

2017 marks ten years that Holston Army Ammunition Plant has hosted an annual fishing event for the community. Normally, the section of the river near the plant is restricted to the public because it is within the installation's boundaries.

Bruce Cole, Natural Resources Specialist for Holston, developed the fishing program to provide local fishermen the opportunity to enjoy this resource. The event has been approved by the HSAAP Commander under a strict set of guidelines designed to insure that safety and security standards are maintained while each fishing event is held. Currently, the four one-day fishing events are planned June 24, June 25 and July 1-2.

This is a catch and release program. Participants are not allowed to keep any fish they catch. In 2016, HSAAP had 26 participants catching a total of 628 fish. One individual managed to catch 59 fish during the eight-hour event.

Interested individuals must possess a valid Tennessee fishing license, submit an application to be entered into a drawing for the event. All fishing is done by wading and no boats are allowed during the event. Live bait such as minnows and crayfish are also not allowed and all participants are required to wear an approved life jacket at all times while fishing.

Holston AAP is a government-owned, contractor-operated facility located in Kingsport, Tenn. BAE Systems is the current operating contractor. Since 1942, Holston has produced explosives in support of the Department of Defense.

Holston AAP is a subordinate installation of the Joint Munitions Command. JMC operates a nationwide network of conventional ammunition manufacturing plants and storage depots, and provides on-site ammunition experts to U.S. combat units wherever they are stationed or deployed.

JMC's customers are U.S. forces of all military services, other U.S. government agencies and allied nations.

Radford receives quarterly safety award

Radford Army Ammunition Plant in Radford, Va., recently received a second quarter safety award from U.S. Army Joint Munitions Command.

Safety Manager Chris McCormick said that this award reflects the safety culture at Radford. "Our safety program emphasizes that each and every employee is a safety officer who is responsible for the safety and well-being of the facility," said McCormick.

BAE, the facility's operating contractor, is currently working toward 4,000,000 hours without a lost time accident. Production Area daily

safety huddles have worked to achieve the best and safest outcome for each employee and make safety awareness a natural reflex.

The team huddle includes discussion about procedures, schedule changes, special visitors, required maintenance and machine availability.

Radford AAP provides the building block material for nearly all munitions within the Department of Defense. RFAAP produces nitro-cellulose, 200 different varieties of propellants, hand grenade and artillery simulators plus 25 and 30 mm medium caliber rounds.

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11AM-3PM
Community Room

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Donate blood and get a Keep it Local t-shirt and a ticket for one entry to Magic Springs!

(Valid until October 30, 2017 during normal operating hours.)

Arkansas Blood Institute
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*while supplies last

JMC ensures munitions readiness for total force

By Brig. Gen. Richard B. Dix
U.S. Army Joint Munitions Command

In today's dynamic environment of multiple threats to our national defense, logistics must move quickly to meet demands. With this consideration at the forefront of its mission planning, the Joint Munitions Command (JMC) delivers munitions to support Soldiers and joint warriors during global operations.

JMC personnel strive to be the Department of Defense's (DOD's) premier munitions sustainers and demilitarization experts and to synchronize global munitions readiness efforts. The command is the logistics integrator for the life-cycle management of ammunition.

JMC produces small-, medium-, and large-caliber ammunition items for the DOD and distributes them from the depot to the foxhole. JMC's four core competencies are storage and surveillance, distribution, demilitarization, and production of class V (ammunition) as required.

A key indicator of JMC's success in ensuring mission readiness is the Munitions Readiness Report, which provides a worldwide view of war reserve and training ammunition statuses. It illustrates JMC's ability to provide munitions where and when they are needed.

The Munitions Readiness Report also provides the quality rating of the inventory. The report includes a view of continental United States ammunition supply points (ASPs) to help JMC determine its centralized ammunition management resupply needs. This view indicates whether or not the munitions supply chain is being used efficiently.

JMC is operationalizing its essential functions to ensure munitions readiness at the tactical level. The command has transitioned from being commodity-based to being process-focused. By focusing on its core competencies, JMC is poised to better anticipate customer requirements, identify demands from the field, and deliver munitions to sustain training base and combatant command (COCOM) readiness.

In 2002, JMC had critical shortages in 30 of 42 rated munitions groups. That year, to rebuild the broken supply chain, the Centralized Ammunition Management (CAM) system was established to enable the integration of wholesale and retail ammunition manage-

ment. CAM encompasses five U.S. geographic regions and aligns JMC depots and customers with JMC's Enterprise Integrated Logistics Strategy.

CAM provides JMC with the ability to ship millions of rounds of ammunition annually to ASPs and COCOMs throughout the five regions. JMC uses the system to supply 85 ASPs in support of the military services and the test community. Through CAM, JMC's customers can maintain visibility of requisitions.

CAM allows JMC to project munitions in support of COCOMs, concept plans, and Army pre-positioned stock vessels to better enable support to global operations and training and to ensure optimal adaptability to the future operational environment. CAM also prevents an excess buildup of ammunition at the ASPs. Globally, CAM is used to supply 55 joint installations, including those in Puerto Rico and Honduras, and other theaters of operation.

An important part of the JMC's framework is a distribution network that balances readiness and efficiency. Over the past four years, the JMC network has shipped and received an average of 331,605 short tons of munitions annually.

Another important aspect is managing munitions storage requirements. While critical supporting supply depots sustain the stockpile, JMC analyzes storage footprints to ensure the depots have the proper storage capacity to meet DOD wholesale munitions storage requirements.

JMC works with Program Executive Office Ammunition to manage the demilitarization of stored ammunition. In order to ensure munitions readiness and a viable footprint in the future, JMC stores all munitions efficiently and economically while working to right-size excess infrastructure and munitions.

JMC takes into consideration the production and other third-party work performed at Army installations. The JMC network provides critical munitions production capabilities and support for a wide range of private and public customers. JMC uses an integrated business strategy to ensure installations sustain critical capabilities.

The revenue from production and third-party workload can help spread overhead costs. In addition, during a contingency outload surge, production and third-party depot



Dustin Cox explains how his depot has been exploring the use of tablets for its ammunition logistics operations to Brig. Gen. Richard B. Dix, commanding general of the Joint Munitions Command, during his visit to Crane Army Ammunition Activity, Indiana, March 7. U.S. ARMY PHOTO BY CAPT. MARSHALL HOWELL

personnel, as well as other personnel performing logistics functions, can be temporarily reassigned to supplement the outload distribution staff in order to move ammunition more quickly and efficiently. This additional "flex labor" allows each depot to increase its outload capacity from a lower initial level during the first week of the contingency to a maximum surge level.

The JMC headquarters also strives to ensure timely support to the COCOMs. In 2016, JMC stood up its COCOM desks to serve as direct liaisons from JMC to the COCOMs. COCOM desk personnel can elevate muni-

Army. In addition to managing assets, SAAS-MOD supports a combat commander's intent in forward positions and allows leaders to adapt to needs on the battlefield.

JMC manages a nationwide network of organic industrial base installations that sustain critical capabilities, meet current mission requirements, and provide the ability to surge production of ammunition as required. The organic industrial base is essential to the nation's readiness and allows warfighters to be combat-ready.

Through continuous improvement initiatives, JMC has right-sized, made invulnerable, and modernized the organic

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tions issues, such as time-sensitive problems with resupply, shortages, or malfunctions, directly to the JMC commanding general.

To support the Army Sustainment Command as the Army Materiel Command's face to the field, JMC uses the Standard Army Ammunition System-Modernization (SAAS-MOD) to track ammunition once it leaves a depot. ASPs, ordnance companies, and ammunition transfer holding points use SAAS-MOD to account for ammunition before issuing it to a unit.

The current SAAS-MOD is being upgraded to provide more centralized and accurate information to support ammunition management.

SAAS-MOD provides munitions management functionality from the brigade through theater levels for the operational

industrial base. That base can anticipate and surge munitions in an uncertain and complex world to fulfill Army and joint warrior munitions requirements at the point of need.

As JMC strives to be more effective, more efficient, and the best value for the Army and the DOD, it finds new ways to provide lethality to ensure warfighter success. This includes developing innovative solutions.

One example is the low-cost reduced-range practice rocket (LCR-RPR) igniter rework program at Crane Army Ammunition Activity (CAAA), Indiana. In order to provide LCR-RPR igniters quickly and at a fraction of the cost of new procurement, CAAA recently developed a rework process, which includes fabrication of tooling and test equipment, for unserviceable igniters already in the inventory.

After successful testing of the first seven LCRRPR units at Redstone Arsenal, Alabama, in the summer of 2016, CAAA stood up the process to complete another 100 units. CAAA is now a qualified supplier of the reworked LCRRPR igniters for the Aviation and Missile Life Cycle Management Command.

CAAA reworks an igniter for roughly half the cost of a new igniter and eliminates shortages in the supply stream. Reworking 50,000 igniters would save the Army approximately \$12.5 million.

A recent initiative at Radford Army Ammunition Plant (RFAAP), Virginia, is another ex-

Soldiers. Before a deployment, ordnance units require six months to become proficient in sustainment tasks. But in the past, they have lacked hands-on pre-deployment training. A JMC-led initiative called mobilized ordnance specific training (MOST) fills this gap and improves the readiness of deploying ammunition units. JMC is expanding MOST to include explosive ordnance disposal Soldiers from across the total force.

MOST is part of JMC's Total Force Integration initiative, which supports the implementation of the Army's Total Force Policy. It has two phases: munitions individual sustainment training (MIST) and munitions unit sustainment training (MUST).

MIST is individualized training on munitions tasks such as ammunition storage, shipping, accountability, and stock control. MIST training is available at five JMC-managed installations: Tooele Army Depot, Utah; McAlester Army Ammunition Plant, Oklahoma; CAAA; Letterkenny Munitions Center, Pennsylvania; and Blue Grass Army Depot, Kentucky.

MUST supplements MIST by providing ammunition platoons with a unit training event designed to increase proficiency on mission-essential tasks. The MUST event includes topics such as explosives safety and loading operations.

From storage and surveillance to distribution, demilitarization, and production, JMC operationalizes the ammunition enterprise in support of munitions readiness for the total force. JMC provides lethal munitions from the depot to the foxhole to ensure warfighter success.

Muddy Fun Day for Arsenal's CDC kids



Hayes Freer, Korbin Baird, Benjamin Morse, Liam Moore, Gauge Storz, and Trenton Maxwell prepare to get covered in mud during Pre-school Mud Day.



Students Jinwoo Kang and Trenton Maxwell with Pine Bluff Arsenal's Child Development Center enjoy filling up different containers with mud during the Pre-school Mud Day in May. U.S. ARMY PHOTOS BY CYSS

Sass Attack says thanks to PBA



White Hall Sass Attack, an 8U softball team in their first year of play, won first place in just their second tournament appearance in Sheridan, May 6. The Sheridan Showdown hosted eight and under teams from White Hall, Monticello and DeQueen along with other teams in each age division from across central Arkansas. Sass Attack, coached by Kelly Stone, Kenny Daniel, Mike Eggleton and Brad Rushing, went undefeated in pool play and then came back from a 12-3 deficit in the championship game to win 13-12. The White Hall squad would like to offer their sincere thanks to the Pine Bluff Arsenal, their grounds crew, Electrical Shop, Security, Recreation Center staff and a special thanks to RJ England for making the softball field on post available and in good shape for practice. These girls (and coaches) appreciate those who go out of their way to maintain and make available a nice place to play the game they love. PHOTO SUBMITTED



Story Walk
Ella Jafar reads the second marker during Pine Bluff Arsenal's Family Morale, Welfare and Recreation Story Walk May 25. The walk was on the old golf course. This year's story was "If You Give a Pig a Pancake" by Laura Numeroff. U.S. ARMY PHOTO BY RACHEL SELBY

Safety is all about people

Courtesy of Pine Bluff Employee Assistance Program

June is National Safety Month. The National Safety Council's mission is to eliminate preventable deaths at work, in homes, and communities. Led by OSHA, the campaign promotes the value of safety and health programs in the workplace.

Safety is all about people. Safety can boost employee morale, increase productivity, and lower cost. Falls, cuts, and other accidents clearly demonstrate that safety hazards exist.

The Drug Free Workplace Alliance is the agreement that recognizes the value of establishing a collaborative relationship to foster safer, drug-free and healthier American workplaces and protect employees' health and safety.

The Army Substance Abuse Program or ASAP provides expertise to develop training and education programs regarding workplace substance abuse and to provide expertise in communicating such information as to enhance and maintain readiness in support of the Warfighter.

ASAP also implements alcohol and other drug-risk reduction and prevention strategies that respond to potential problems before they jeopardize readiness, productivity, and careers.

The fact that some people use substances such as alcohol or illicit drugs, or that some people misuse prescription drugs is a safety issue in the workplace.

Many aspects of the workplace today require alertness, accurate and quick reflexes. An impairment to these can cause serious accidents, and interfere with the accuracy and efficiency of work. Other ways that substance abuse can cause problems at work include:

- After effects of substance use (hangover, withdrawal) affecting job performance, absenteeism, illness, and/or reduced productivity,
- Preoccupation with obtaining and using substances while at work, interfering with attention and concentration,
- Illegal activities at work including selling illicit drugs to other employees,
- Psychological or stress-related effects due to substance abuse by a family member, friend or co-worker that affects another person's job performance.

Safety is everybody's business. The Arsenal's Employee Assistance Program Office staff is here to help. We offer a safe and confidential place to discuss concerns, challenges, and strategies for managing difficulties in your life. Our office is located at Bldg. 13-040, and phone number is 870-540-3094.



Natural gas facilities and a smoke stack, right, at Radford Army Ammunition Plant. U.S. ARMY PHOTOS BY RFAAP

RFAAP environmental ensures compliance

Courtesy of RFAAP

The Clean Air Act set national standards for six common air pollutants: particle pollution, ground-level ozone, carbon monoxide, sulfur oxides, nitrogen oxides and lead. As a result of efforts across Radford Army Ammunition Plant, in Radford, Va., to control emissions from stationary and mobile sources, air pollution has decreased.

The new Natural Gas Package Boilers have been key in eliminating the air quality violations due to opacity issues from the coal fired power plant stack.

Water is a necessary part of human existence and must be protected in order to provide Radford employees and housing residents with clean, safe water sources.

Water discharges at RFAAP are monitored to make sure that minimal levels of permitted pollutants enter the New River waterway. Dis-

charge permits are monitored 24/7 and for the types and amounts of pollutants that can be safely discharged.

RFAAP works to uphold the regulations that govern solid waste management, including reuse, recycling, storage, treatment and disposal. The facility is unique because of the explosive waste generated and the permitted disposal.

A new Explosive Waste Incinerator is in the design phase and it will help RFAAP reduce permitted open burning of propellant.

Responding to pollution-related emergencies is a responsibility that RFAAP shoulders across the entire plant. However, it is also important to actively prepare for and prevent these emergencies from happening. Creating preparedness and contingency plans is a way that RFAAP stays ready for a variety of environmental emergencies.

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Workers Comp

How to: Filing work-related injury expenses

Courtesy of Pine Bluff Arsenal Workers' Compensation Office

After an injury claim has been processed, the employee will receive a post card in the mail with claim number. Your claim number must be provided to all medical facilities providing treatment for your claimed condition in order for the services to be billed correctly. Medical providers should be registered with Affiliated Computer Systems, Inc. (ACS) in order to receive payment.

An employee may request reimbursement for paid, authorized medical expenses by completing Form CA-915, Claimant Medical Reimbursement Form. Travel expenses should be claimed on OWCP 957, Medical Travel Refund Request. Forms are available in the Injury Compensation Office and on Z drive under FECA. Both provider bills and employee reimbursements must be submitted to OWCP

within one year after the end of the calendar year in which the medical service was provided or within a year after the end of the calendar year in which the treated condition was first accepted as compensable by OWCP. The injured employee and providers can review the status of bill submissions, medical authorizations, or verify eligibility of services on the ACS website <http://owcp.dol.acs-inc.com>.

Please call ACS Customer Service at 850-558-1818 regarding payment questions. The injured employee can verify the status of their claim or request for compensation by calling toll free 866-692-7487. You can get in touch with your claims examiner by calling 816-502-0301, the Kansas City District Office. For further information, please call Blake Tolleson at 540-3076.

Safety Corner

Staying cool as summer heats up

Courtesy of Pine Bluff Arsenal Directorate of Risk Management, Safety Division

Everyone should follow these basic heat safety tips in order to avoid the dangers of heat exposure. Keep these suggestions in mind:

- During the hottest hours of the day, stay inside. If possible stay inside an air-conditioned building. The hottest hours of the day are typically from mid-morning to midafternoon.
- Dress lightly, and when sleeping, use lightweight, breathable covers.
- Drink plenty of water and other fluids. According to the Heat Exhaustion and Heat Stress page provided by the Texas A & M AgriLife Extension Service, when temperatures climb above 90 degrees, it's important to drink at least a gallon of liquid per day, preferably water. Those who are overweight and in humid conditions need even more.
- Avoid drinking alcohol and beverages that are carbonated or contain caffeine when temperatures are high, as they can lead to dehydration.
- Keep blinds and curtains closed from morning until the late afternoon to block extra direct heat from sunlight.
- Move your exercise routine to early morning or later in the evening.
- Never ever leave a person or a pet in the car in hot conditions while you run to do a quick errand. People and animals can succumb to heat exposure and death very quickly in a hot car. Cars can

become overheated quickly and when overheated become like ovens. It's never safe.

- Properly supervise children during outdoor play, being sure to

- If there is a heat hotline in your area, make sure that your elderly loved ones have the number and know when to call.
- Help your elderly

for Disease Control, are detailed below.

Heat exhaustion

The signs of heat exhaustion may include the following:

- Breathing that is shallow and fast
- Clammy skin
- Dizziness
- Dry mouth
- Excessive sweating
- Fainting
- Headache
- Loss of color in skin
- Nausea
- Pale complexion
- Pulse that is fast and weak
- Skin that feels moist and cool (when touched)
- Sweating
- Tiredness
- Vomiting

If you see any of the above exhaustion signs, get out of the heat immediately. The person experiencing symptoms should be given plenty of cool fluids and be wiped down with cool cloths. If rapid improvement isn't seen, call 911 immediately.

Heat stroke

The signs of major heat exposure, also known as heat stroke, include the following:

- Dizziness
- Extremely high body temperature (over 103 degrees F)
- Headache that is throbbing
- Lack of sweating
- Nausea
- Rapid pulse that is strong
- Red skin that is hot and dry (when touched)

Heat stroke always requires medical attention. If you see any of the above exposure signs, get the person out of the heat immediately and take them to the nearest hospital or call 911.

Commander's Awards



Carlos R. Custodio with U.S. Navy, Clothing and Textile Research Facility received a Commander's Award May 23 from Roch Byrne, Pine Bluff Arsenal Deputy to the Commander. Custodio was recognized for his outstanding contributions to the Arsenal from August 2015 to June 2017. His expertise in clothing design, training of operators and manufacturing processes was critical to the establishment of a new protective clothing production facility at the Arsenal. His attention to detail coupled with his personal dedication ensured that PBA will continued to provide readiness for the Warfighter. U.S. ARMY PHOTOS BY RACHEL SELBY



Nancy E. Southwick with U.S. Navy, Clothing and Textile Research Facility received a Commander's Award May 23 from Roch Byrne, Pine Bluff Arsenal Deputy to the Commander. Southwick was recognized for her outstanding contributions to the Arsenal from August 2015 to June 2017. Her expertise in textiles, planning, acquisition, and set up of new protective gear production was critical to the establishment of a new protective clothing production facility at the Arsenal. Her attention to detail coupled with his personal dedication ensured that PBA will continued to provide readiness for the Warfighter.



Caitlin Buchanan, project engineer with Pine Bluff Arsenal's Directorate of Engineering and Technology, Dr. Barbara Avellini, director of U.S. Navy Clothing and Textile Research Facility, Carlos Custodio, clothing designer with the U.S. Navy Clothing and Textile Research Facility, and Kavana Taylor with the Arsenal's Directorate of Chemical and Biological Defense Operations, discuss neck dam manufacturing a visit May 23. U.S. ARMY PHOTO BY RACHEL SELBY

TOP TIPS TO BEAT THE HEAT

H₂O to go

Take a bottle of cold water with you when you're out and about.

Avoid

Alcohol, tea, coffee and hot, spicy and salty foods can make dehydration worse, so think about avoiding them during hot weather.

Be cool

Make use of fans or air-conditioners set to cool.

Rest

Make sure you get enough sleep and rest if you feel tired.

Dress down

Wear lightweight, light coloured, loose-fitting clothes made from natural fibres, like cotton or linen.

Enjoy

Try eating more cold foods, like salads and fruits. They contain water and are more refreshing in hot weather than hot foods.

Soak

Take a cool shower or bath to help you cool down when you feel hot.

Shade

Wear a hat or take an umbrella with you for shade if you're outside on a hot day.

WATCH OUT

- Be on the lookout for any symptoms of heat related illness.
- See your GP if you are unwell.
- In a medical emergency, call 000.

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The signs are all around

it's up to YOU to recognize and act on them

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LEADERSHIP PINE BLUFF VISITS ARSENAL



2017 Leadership Pine Bluff class poses in front of a pyrotechnic display with Gary Jafar from the Pine Bluff Arsenal's Directorate of Engineering and Technology during their visit in May to the installation. The class visits the installation every year as part of their year-long program. U.S. ARMY PHOTOS BY HUGH MORGAN



Kawana Taylor with Pine Bluff Arsenal's Directorate of Chemical and Biological Defense Operations show members of the 2017 Leadership Pine Bluff class some of the textile products that the Arsenal is currently manufacturing during their tour of the installation May 9.



Rob Shields with Pine Bluff Arsenal's Directorate of Chemical and Biological Defense Operations tours the 2017 Leadership Pine Bluff class through the Mobile and Powered Equipment facility at the Arsenal.



Brig. Gen. Richard B. Dix passes the Joint Munitions Command colors to incoming Command Sgt. Maj. Tomeka N. O'Neal (left), during the Change of Responsibility Ceremony, May 12. U.S. ARMY PHOTO BY TONY LOPEZ

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past two-and-a-half years. Following the Change of Responsibility Ceremony, Jones retired after completing more than 28 years of service to his country. He was recognized for his outstanding performance with three Department of Defense awards and numerous certificates of appreciation.

"Retired Command Sgt. Maj. Jones, we have been blessed and the United States Army has been blessed for your years of faithful service," said Dix. "You have done everything this command has needed and then some. We honor and respect you and I want to say thank you."

Jones also provided remarks to the JMC workforce during the retirement segment of the ceremony. "JMC, thank you all so much for everything you do. In all my time serving this country, I have never met a staff as competent as the JMC staff," he said.

"It is an honor to stand before you today as the new JMC Command Sergeant Major," said O'Neal in her closing remarks. "I am thankful to Brig. Gen. Dix for having selected me for this position and affording me the opportunity to continue to serve our great Army, this great organization and our Nation."

O'Neal is a native of Chicago, Ill., and was raised in East Point, Ga. She enlisted in the U.S. Army in August 1989 as a Parachute Rigger, completed Basic Training at Fort Jackson, S.C., and graduated from Advanced Individual Training at Fort Lee, Va., in February 1990. She entered the Automated Logistical Specialist military occupational specialty in 1998. She has held a variety of leadership positions during her career ranging from assignments at Fort Bragg, N.C.; to Kaiserslautern, Germany; to Camp Carroll, South Korea; to Fort Carson, Colo.; and, recently, as the Command Sgt. Maj. of the U.S. Army Mission and Installation Contracting Command.

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Laverne Graham with Pine Bluff Arsenal's Directorate of Business Operations and Development, shows members of the 2017 Leadership Pine Bluff Class several of the commodities made at the Arsenal during their visit

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